

Police Unions:

Berlin

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Bristol MARCH 2018

PLEASE OPPOSE SB 388 -- AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT

Cheshire PROGRAM FOR SPEED DETECTING CAMERAS AND CONCERNING

SPEED WARNING SIGNS.

Cromwell

Members of the Transportation Committee:

Danbury

Middlebury

POACT is a Police Association of 20 municipal unions across the State of CT,

representing over 2,000 individual police officers.

Milford

We respectfully oppose SB 388 for the following reasons:

New Haven

Newtown

Three weeks ago on February 24th, *the Staten Island Advance* reported about a class action lawsuit filed on behalf of NYC residents who have been ticketed by the roadway cameras, which are often referred to in NY as "Scam Cams." The class action lawsuit is based upon arguments that: (1) no police officer saw the conduct, and (2) many of the alleged speeding violation notices received by

Naugatuck

Prospect

residents were not certified by any human being.

Southbury

Our system with respect to automobile speeding ticket violations has always revolved around the fact that a sworn police officer actually witnesses the

South Windsor

speeding conduct; and in some cases, the police officer will use his/her discretion

Southington

whether to issue a violation.

Stamford

We don't want to move to a system where no police officer actually witnesses the

driving conduct.

Suffield

A police officer – not a camera – should be making the decisions to issue speeding

tickets.

Watertown

Waterbury

Thank you.

West Hartford

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